

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. M. Fran Burrell, District I    Vacancy, District II  
Mr. Michael E. Harper, District III    Mr. Roy B. Strickland, District IV  
Mr. Johnny D. Stone, District V

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, June 4, 1991 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Westminster News, Anderson Independent, Greenville News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WCCP Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Robin Boyle - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Tom Johnson - Anderson Independent, Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier & Ron Barnett - Greenville News.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Harper, Vice Chairman, who welcomed the guests and media.

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Stone.

Invocation

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 3 - 0 that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 21, 1991 be adopted as printed.

Minutes  
5/21/91

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 3 - 0 that the minutes of the special meeting held May 28, 1991 be adopted as printed.

Minutes  
5/28/91

Mr. Robert Winchester, Sewer Commission Director, Mr. Howard Adams, Sewer Commission Chairman & Mr. Johnny McLellan, Finance Chairman presented the attached proposed budget for the Sewer Commission to Council. The total budget is an 8.26% increase over last year's budget which is spread throughout the budget, however electricity is the major increase. The budget also includes a 4% pay increase for the employees.

Proposed  
Sewer Budget

After a brief discussion, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 3 - 0 that this proposed budget be adopted.

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 3 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Auditor's Office be adopted.

Auditor  
(Transfer)

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 3 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Sheriff's Office be adopted.

Sheriff  
(Transfer)

At this time Mr. Harper turned the meeting over to Mr. Crain, Supervisor-Chairman.

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that the CCS Department be granted permission to purchase a forty (40) cubic yard open top container for the purpose of collecting white goods and metal at the manned convenience center. (See attached request)

CCS

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that the attached transfer for CCS be adopted.

CCS  
(Transfer)

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that Oconee Fence be awarded the bid for a chain link fence for the manned convenience site at a cost of \$5,434. (See attached bid)

CCS (Fence)

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 that the attached consent order 90-24-W to rescind the tap moratorium be adopted.

Consent  
Order

Mr. Crain informed those present that DHEC gave great weight to the fact that Oconee County had committed \$1,500,000 to the municipalities for correction of the I & I problems.

The consent order further stated that Oconee County would:

(1) Comply with the completion schedule for the diversion of wastewater flow from Seneca pump station #2 to Seneca pump station #5 within two hundred, ten (210) days of the receipt of an issued construction permit for this project.

(2) Within fifteen (15) days of the execution of this Order Amendment, submit to DHEC a tentative schedule for the completion of the upgrading of the Sewer Commission's wastewater treatment plant.

(3) A payment in the amount of \$4,000 per day of violation for each unauthorized discharge. Upon demonstrating there have been no unauthorized discharges for a twelve (12) month period at each of these pump stations and trunklines, DHEC will rescind this automatic penalty.

(4) DHEC will require the Sewer Commission to reinstate the moratorium for any municipality that does not continue to meet its schedule in the approved plan for removal of I & I.

Mr. Crain further reminded those present that the \$1,500,000 will only assist the towns, but the correction of I & I has to be done.

Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 91-7, "An Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Phoenix Cable, Inc., its Successors and Assigns to Operate and Maintain a Community Antenna Television System in the County, Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Grant of the Franchise: Providing for County Regulation and Use of the Community Antenna System; and Prescribing Penalties for Violations of the Franchise Provisions" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 91-7

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 91-6, "An Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Larry Waterman d/b/a County Cablevision its Successors and Assigns to Operate and Maintain a Community Antenna Television System; and Prescribing Penalties for Violation of Franchise Provisions" be adopted on second reading.

Ord. 91-6

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Rock Crusher be adopted.	Rock Crusher (Transfer)
Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 that the contract with Mid-Atlantic Explosives, Inc. for drilling and blasting at the Rock Crusher be renewed for another year beginning July 1, 1991 and going through June 30, 1992.	Rock Crusher
Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that the attached transfers for the Motor Pool be adopted.	Motor Pool (Transfers)
Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that Mr. Bud Cobb be awarded the bid for scrap metal at the Motor Pool. Mr. Cobb's bid was the only one received and it is in the amount of \$90.00. (See attached bid)	Motor Pool
Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 that the attached transfer for Rural Fire be adopted.	Rural Fire (Transfer)
Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Library be adopted.	Library (Transfer)
Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 that the attached transfer for the Law Enforcement Center be adopted.	LEC (Transfer)
Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that Ordinance 91-8, "An Ordinance Requiring An Advisory Referendum on the Question of Whether Oconee County Should Issue Hospital Revenue Bonds to Finance Construction of a New Hospital Facility in Oconee County, South Carolina" be adopted on first reading in title only.	Ord. 91-8
Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that a public hearing be held to receive written and/or oral comments regarding the sale of revenue bonds to finance a new hospital facility be held before third and final reading of the ordinance.	Public Hearing
Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 that Mrs. Vickie Satterfield be reappointed to the Oconee County Library Board with her term commencing July 1, 1991 and expiring June 30, 1995.	Library Appt.
The motion also included looking at the ordinance creating the Library Board as it does not specify how the board members are to be appointed.	
Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that up to \$200 be appropriated from contingency to have something put on the front porch of the Public Service Building.	Public Service Building
Mr. Stone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 4 - 0 that the attached request from the 1/263d (HAWK) ADA Battalion for two hundred, fifty (250) tons of crusher run gravel be granted. (See attached request)	National Guard

Mrs. Burrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 0 that the attached grant offer for Airport Improvement Project No. 3-45-0016-02 in the amount of \$56,142 be adopted and executed by Mr. Crain. This is a portion of the original \$1,000,000 grant to update the airport master plan.

Aeronautics

Mr. Crain presented the attached letter from the City of Seneca to Council requesting the purchase of equipment for the correction of I & I problems. It was the opinion of Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, that the funds could be used for the purchase of any thing for the correction of the I & I problems. It was the consensus of Council that the request to purchase items be sent to the Sewer Commission for a recommendation.

Letter from  
City of  
Seneca

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 3 - 0 (Mrs. Burrell abstaining) that more study be done regarding the county constructing ten hangers on a lease/purchase program at the airport.

Hangers

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 that Mr. Jerry Dyar's resignation as Council Representative from District II be accepted effective June 2, 1991.

Resignation

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that Resolution 91-3, "A Resolution Directing the Board of Elections to Hold A Special General Election on the First Day of October, 1991 to Fill the Unexpired Term of Mr. Jerry D. Dyar" be adopted on first and final reading.

Res. 91-3

Mr. Brandt presented the attached letter from the City of Seneca asking that the following addendum be made to their agreement regarding the correction of I & I:

Letter From  
City of  
Seneca

Once all grant funds have been validly disbursed to the city, any rights the county has pursuant to this agreement and/or County Ordinance 91-2 to oversee and/or monitor the city's approved plan and/or progress of the work thereon, shall terminate; however, the city shall not be relieved of its duty and/or obligation under the terms of this agreement or County Ordinance 91-2 to complete the approved plan by the date specified herein or as may be otherwise agreed, and any and all other rights, duties, obligations and/or responsibilities of the parties existing independently of this agreement and/or the County Ordinance shall not be affected.

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Burrell, approved 3 - 1 (Mr. Harper voting against) that the agreement remain the same and the word "reasonable attorney fees" be included in the agreement.

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, informed Council that the FERC has issued a towing order which means they will take another look at the information the county has submitted in a view of granting or denying a rehearing. The order says the FERC has to take action on the county's request for a rehearing within thirty (30) days or it is deemed denied. The order keeps the rehearing from being automatically denied.

7-Q-10

Mrs. Dillard, Purchasing Director, informed Council there were major problems with the courthouse roof. At the recommendation of Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 4 - 0 that General Tire have two (2) days to inspect the roof, in the meantime the county will make temporary repairs to the roof. The county would also like to have a monetary refund and not have General Tire back to make any more repairs to the roof.

Courthouse  
Roof

It was also the consensus of Council to tabulate the damages done to the courtroom due to the leaking roof and submit a statement to Gulf Construction.

It was also the consensus of Council not to approve any more transfers except on an emergency basis.

Transfers

Adjourn: 9:25 PM

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Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council